

Message from the  
Lincoln Parks and Recreation  
Foundation Board

We all know that it takes more than just water, sunshine and dedicated employees and volunteers to keep our parks system alive. Lincoln is a community that is very proud of its beautiful parks system. It takes private financial help to provide and maintain facilities as beautiful as the Sunken Gardens.



The Lincoln Parks and Recreation Foundation is very proud to offer these two exciting programs, One Flower Forever and Paving the Path, to preserve our national treasure. We know that with your help, we will polish this gem and create a place for everyone to enjoy for many generations to come.

About the Lincoln Parks  
and Recreation Foundation

Created in 1992, the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Foundation supports the city Parks and Recreation Department in acquiring, developing and renovating parks and recreational facilities in our city. The Foundation works to enrich the quality of life in Lincoln through the continued development and betterment of public parks and recreation facilities.



Lincoln Parks and Recreation Foundation  
2740 "A" Street, Box 201  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68502

"We Love Our Parks"

Help Polish the Gem:  
Two Ways to Preserve  
Our National Treasure

L I N C O L N ' S  
Sunken Gardens



One Flower Forever  
&  
Paving the Path

Support the Sunken Gardens  
of Lincoln, Nebraska  
Our National Treasure

~ The Sunken Gardens is listed as one of the "300 Best Gardens to Visit in the U.S. and Canada" in the National Geographic Guide to America's Public Gardens. It is the only Nebraska garden to be included in this prestigious list, and the only public annual display garden in Lincoln.



~ The Sunken Gardens is a Depression-era project, built on a 1.5 acre abandoned neighborhood dumpsite. The project was part of a city program to help unemployed men earn money to buy groceries for their families and survive hard times. Crew members worked eight-hour shifts at the rate of 40 cents per hour, two days a week for a grand total of \$6.40 per week.

~ "I expect to make this spot the most beautiful place in the city, either in or out of the parks. The ground lends itself perfectly to the making of a sunken garden, and at the same time a spot rich in beauty, at a small expense."  
E.M. Bair,  
Lincoln Park Superintendent,  
November 1930



~ The Sunken Gardens is free and open to the public.





# One Flower Forever Order Form:

Please use one form per order.

☐ YES, I would like to participate in the One Flower Forever program and have a flower planted every year at the Sunken Gardens.

List the name of the person or event honored by this gift:

Brief Message: \_\_\_\_\_

(For example, In Memory of, Happy Mother's Day, etc.)

☐ Please check if you'd like us to mail the certificate and lapel pin directly to the honoree or the honoree's family.

Honoree's Address or Family's Address

City State Zip

One Flower Forever donor information:

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE ZIP

EMAIL

PHONE

Please send your \$100 check or money order made payable to the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Foundation to:  
One Flower Forever  
c/o Lincoln Parks and Recreation Foundation  
2740 "A" Street, Box 201  
Lincoln, NE 68502-3113

# One Flower Forever

One Flower Forever is a program that allows everyone to give a gift that will forever honor a loved one and help preserve the Sunken Gardens. For a one-time donation of \$100, one flower will be planted in honor of someone special to you at Lincoln's Sunken Gardens and will be annually replanted in the honored person's name 'forever.'

One Flower Forever will help fund the purchase, planting and maintenance of one annual flower each year in perpetuity. About 28,000 annuals are planted at the Sunken Gardens each year. After our renovation campaign is completed, all One Flower Forever funds will be placed in a Sunken Gardens endowment account. Fully funded some day in the future, this fund will generate enough money each year for ongoing operations and maintenance of the gardens.

All donors receive a thank you, a commemorative certificate suitable for framing that they can present to their honoree or honoree's family, and a flower lapel pin. Names of honorees will be recorded and permanently displayed at the newly renovated gardens.



One Flower Forever is a way for people to help support the gardens on an ongoing basis, in honor of a friend or loved one, in memory of a friend or loved one, or to celebrate events such as birthdays, anniversaries or holidays, or a random act of kindness.

All donations to One Flower Forever are tax deductible as allowed by law. For more information, call: 441-7847. Order forms for One Flower Forever and Paving the Path also available at: [www.lincolnsunkengardens.com](http://www.lincolnsunkengardens.com)

# Paving the Path

The Lincoln Parks and Recreation Foundation invites you to buy a brick to support the first-ever major renovation and ongoing maintenance of the Sunken Gardens! Honor special friends or family members, celebrate graduations or weddings, or commemorate holidays by purchasing an inscribed brick to be placed in the newly renovated Sunken Gardens. Individual, family or corporation names may be inscribed on a 4" x 8" or 8" x 8" sized brick.



## Standard Brick:

A contribution of \$250 will buy you an inscribed standard-sized brick, measuring 4" x 8" to be placed in the Sunken Gardens.

## Foundation Brick:

A contribution of \$750 will buy you an inscribed larger than standard-sized brick, measuring 8" x 8" to be placed within the Sunken Gardens.

Donations are tax deductible.  
For more information, call: 441-7847  
or visit [www.lincolnsunkengardens.com](http://www.lincolnsunkengardens.com)

# Paving the Path Order Form:

The following information is for our record keeping or if we need to contact you.

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE ZIP

EMAIL

PHONE DATE

I wish to order  
\_\_\_\_\_ Standard Brick at \$250.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Foundation Brick at \$750.

☐ Check enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Check number  
☐ Money order enclosed

Please send your check or money order made payable to the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Foundation to:

Paving the Path  
c/o Lincoln Parks and Recreation Foundation  
2740 "A" Street, Box 201  
Lincoln, NE 68502-3113

**There are two lines for each brick and room for 16 characters per line.**

NOTE: Punctuation marks and spaces count as a character.

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LINE #2

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(Please use one form per order)